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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (previously amended) A method of relocating a first file, having at least one portion on-disk and at least one portion migrated to remote storage, to a second file in a computer system, comprising:

allocating space for said second file corresponding to said at least one on-disk portion of said first file;

relocating said at least one on-disk portion of said first file to the corresponding space allocated for said second file; and

updating metadata, previously generated for use with said first file, for use with said second file.

2.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first file and said second file are co-located on the same volume.

3.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first file and said second file are located on different volumes.

4.   (previously amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein a first file server services a first volume having the first file, said first file with portions migrated to remote storage, and wherein said first file is relocated to a second file for storage in a second volume serviced by a second file server.

5.   (original) A method according to claim 4, wherein said metadata is passed from said first file server to said second file server for use in connection with said second file.

6.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said relocating is a move operation.

7.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said relocating is a copy operation.

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8.   (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first file is deleted after said relocating.

9.   (original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for instructing a computer to perform the method recited in claim 1.

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